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## SUNDAY BALL A PROBABILITY

Calumet Region Baseball League is Taken up in Hammond and may Become Northern Ind. League

## FANS TALK OVER PLAN

Hammond, Gary, East Chicago, Crown Point and Valpo Interested.

Sunday league baseball is one of the possibilities of the coming baseball season in the Calumet region. The initiative has been taken by the Hammond Athletic association, which is recognized as the leader in all lines of athletic sports in this locality.

The plan for the formation of a baseball league among the neighboring cities of the region for the purpose of playing Sunday ball is being promoted by Walter Sobel, chairman of the board of athletics of the Hammond association.

### MANY TOWNS CONSIDERED.

Charles Ketchell is the manager of the baseball team and he has already taken steps to bring about the consummation of these plans. Some of the cities and towns that have been considered as possible members are Crown Point, Indiana, Valparaiso, East Chicago, Hammond, Gary, Crown Point, LaPorte, Plymouth and South Bend. The Hammond boys argue that it is a great deal easier to travel to South Bend than to any other place. It is in baseball when the interest of the various cities is a contest on the part of the fans of the region there is a desire to be a great deal of interest taken in the games. The trouble with baseball in Hammond, they argue, is that there has never been a league organized and a schedule of games adopted.

It is thought that this will eventually lead to the formation of a permanent inter-city league. Baseball is always a popular game and not in years has Hammond been represented by a high class team which has received the support it merited.

Word has been received from Gary that the fans there would only too soon welcome a movement of this kind. It is hoped that through the Hammond Athletic association that such a team may be organized and under the stimulus of a league contest may receive the support of the fans of the city.

## WESTERN CAR FOUNDRY CO. IN BIG DEAL JUST CLOSED

It is reported in Hammond today that the Pressed Steel Car company has purchased the plant of the Western Steel Car & Foundry company, just across the state line, and will at once begin the rehabilitation and enlargement of the plant on a large scale. This means that the Pressed Steel Car company will have a plant in the west for the purpose of supplying the western trade.

The deal is said to have been put through last Friday at New York city. Frank N. Hostadt, president of the Pressed Steel Car company, which operates plants in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, McKees Rocks and Montreal, Canada, acquired by purchase the entire McCord & Co.'s interest in the property of the Western Steel Car & Foundry Co.'s plants in Hegewisch, Joliet and Anniston, Ala.

### Now Owns Whole Plant.

McCord & Co. had a one-third interest in the Western Steel Car & Foundry company and the Pressed Steel Car company owned the remaining two-thirds interest. Some time ago it was rumored that President Hostadt was looking for a site for a plant in the west. This followed the labor troubles that the company had at McKees Rocks. There was considerable speculation in Hammond and in Hegewisch as to where this plant would be located. It was hinted at the time that the Pressed Steel Car company was contemplating the purchase of the remaining one-third interest in the Western Steel Car & Foundry company for the past two years. Previous to that time Mr. McCord operated the Hegewisch plant. It is understood that the sale is completed.

## GARY AND W. WILL COME DOWN TOWN

M. C. Erie Difficulties Are Nicely Settled and Steam Suburban Will Be Enabled to Come to Stop at Michigan Central Depot.

The difficulties between the Michigan Central and the Erie railroads regarding the location of the electric interlocker at the Hohman street crossing have been removed, and it is understood that the interlocker will be built as soon as the weather modifies. The building of the interlocker will mean for the city of Hammond, the Gary & Western line, which will be able to proceed only to Calumet avenue, will be operated through to Calumet Park, and will stop at the Michigan Central depot, Hammond.

This will give Hammond another means of travel to Gary. The interlocker will also make possible the utilization of the two extra tracks that have been built through the city by the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad and will insure better freight service for the region.

The exact location of the electric interlocker has not been established, but it is thought that it will be built between the Erie and Monon tracks on the north side of the Michigan Central railroad.

### Cut Out Erie Yards.

This would simplify the railroad proposition in Hammond so that there would really be only two lines of tracks through the city. The Erie yards, which cut the city in twain, would be eliminated and would be moved to the outskirts of the city, as would the objectionable coal storage warehouse. The land occupied by the Erie yards would pay the cost of receiving the support of the fans of the city.

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## GREEN TALKS ON FRANCHISE PROPOSITION

H. W. & E. C. Has Had in Contemplation for Over a Year Building of Branch Line, Before Gary & Interurban Considered It.

Manager Green of the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Electric railway denies absolutely that he only asked for a franchise over the Kane avenue, Gibson viaduct and Forsythe avenue route to East Chicago when he heard that the Gary & Interurban line was after the same route. Mr. Green claims that he has been contemplating the building of a branch over this route for over a year, and has only been deterred from asking for a franchise by the fact that his company has not until recently been in a position to make necessary extensions.

Now that the Hammond line has plenty of backing behind it, and is ready to begin its program of rehabilitation and extension, and it will ask for the franchise over the new route to East Chicago.

### A Five-Cent Fare.

Mr. Green points out that it would be better for the people of Hammond that his company should get the franchise for the reason that the residents of the city all along the route of his line from the Standard Steel district to the corners of State and Hohman streets and from all sections of the north side would be able to go to East Chicago for a 5-cent fare, while the Gary & Interurban line would pick up passengers only at the corners of State and Hohman streets.

Manager Green says, furthermore, that there will be no delay in the building of this line similar to that which has occurred in the building of the Gary & Interurban line in Hammond.

Mr. Green points out that the Gary & Interurban people have been compelled to ask the Hammond city council for extension after extension of time for the purpose of completing their line. Green says that his company will agree to build the East Chicago extension in six months and will have it constructed in that time or forfeit its franchise.

He says that this is surely an evidence that his company means business. And so the various interurban companies are appealing to the city for favors, and the present administration is presented with an exceedingly complex problem of how best to conserve the interests of the city.

## ATTY. MEYER SAYS HE IS MALIGNED

Attorney F. J. Lewis Meyer was in Hammond today and stated that the report as printed in the Lake County Democrat to the effect that he had been approached by certain councilmen who wanted graft before they would vote for his franchise, is untrue, and that he will send a communication to the city council here stating that the facts as printed in this paper are untrue.

He stated that the only members of the old council with whom he had talked, about the matter were Councilmen Kane and Schroeter, and he remarked that they were above suspicion.

He said that he had not taken the matter up with any of the members of the new council. He did intimate, however, that a certain man had approached him and informed him that he could deliver a vote or votes in the council, but that he had paid no attention to the fellow.

Mr. Meyer desires to say for publication that no city official has approached him and that the article he refers to had placed him in a very bad light in the eyes of the councilmen. Mr. Meyer says that Mayor Becker favors his franchise and that he believes that he will get a square deal from the Hammond city council.

### Sets Date for Meetings.

The Hammond Medical society has decided to hold meetings twice a month. Its meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of the month. There is considerable interest taken in the new society since the election, and it is expected that the new society will prove a great boon to the members of the medical profession in Hammond.

### ONE KILLED; SEVERAL INJURED.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The sidewalk on the State street side of the Boston store caved in at noon today while a large number of persons were standing on it. It is reported that a number of persons have been killed. Call has been sent for many ambulances. The police announced that one person had been found under the sidewalk dead and four seriously injured. Thirty persons went down when the sidewalk fell. It is not known whether any others were killed.

Later.—Reports from Chicago indicate that there were no Hammond, Indiana, Harbor or Gary people injured in the accident which occurred in front of the Boston store when the sidewalk caved in and killed one person and injured several others. The Chicago Tribune reports that the accident is not as bad as was reported at first, and one man killed and one injured, with several slightly injured is the result of the fall of the sidewalk.

## RIOT AT STANDARD STEEL CAR DISTRICT

Four Greeks Are Placed Under Arrest at Conclusion of Celebration.

### TRIAL CONTINUED TILL SAT.

Takes Four Hammond Policemen and at That They Have Their Hands Full.

It was all wrong.

The Times in its issue yesterday had words of praise for the foreigners at the riot. Give them praise, but their good behavior during their holiday, but it was all wrong. Riot, bloody riot, prevailed last night when Slav met Greek, the issue being a stolen rooster.

Four Greeks were placed under arrest, and there being no police patrol wagon in the city it was necessary for the police to hire a livery rig to bring in the prisoners. Their trial has been continued by Judge Barnett until next Saturday.

The men placed under arrest are Alanko Kokosh of company house 126; Petro Tsoudis of company house 156; Janisko Tobardish, also of company house 156, and Theodore Tsoudis of the same place. The witnesses live in company house 157. They are Mike Solan and his boarders, Tony Garko, Joe German and Harry Grotinski. In addition to these there are special Officers Meyers and Deering.

Theodore Tsoudis the leader. For a time the four Hammond policemen, Bunde, Miller, Homrick and Frenc, had their hands full to get

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## SET FIRE TO POOL TABLE

Merrillville in Throes of a New Religious Revival.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 11.—Reports from our sister town of the north tell of queer and unusual happenings transpiring in that baffling town. The village of Merrillville, in the throes of a recent religious upheaval and revival, so report goes, has been putting itself on the map in no uncertain manner, and the cleansing of the inhabitants of their worldly sins and vices has become a thing of only momentary importance.

However, according to history, the inhabitants of the town last Saturday evening gathered in front of one of the business places, according to a pre-arranged program, and after setting fire to a pool table, furnished for the occasion by its owner, held their revival by the light of the burning embers of the worldly piece of furniture.

Not having seen the light in the sky, the story cannot be vouched for, but such is the report circulated here concerning the religious frenzy which has taken root there, and only confirms the assertion made by our own Hiram Barton that great things would be accomplished and done during the present revival.

### Take Steps Today.

Steps were taken today by Chairman F. Richard Schaaf and Secretary Fred Crumpecker to call for the organization of the party in this city on the 29th of this month.

The republicans are expected to meet in their respective townships or wards, as have been determined under the rules that were adopted at the recent meeting of the state central committee, for the election of precinct committeemen and for the election of delegates and alternates to the district convention.

## ICE CROP HAMMER THIS YEAR

G. H. Hammond Co. Will Put Up Two More New Buildings to Take Care of Immense Ice Crop Being Harvested at Wolf Lake.

The G. H. Hammond company is contemplating the erection of two new ice houses to enable it to put up more ice this winter. The work on the two new buildings, which will be 150x200 feet in dimensions and will cost \$75,000, will begin at once if the weather modifies sufficiently.

The new building will be located along Sheffield avenue, just north of the icehouse now owned by this company. The ground is already staked off and the building of these new ice houses will be determined by the weather.

### Forty Thousand Put Away.

The G. H. Hammond company has already put away about 40,000 tons of ice, and it is believed that if the other icehouses can be built and filled this winter the saving in the freight that will be effected as a result of securing a supply so near the place of consumption will be enormous.

The present icehouse is full, and it is decided to build the other icehouses this fall they will be filled as fast as the walls rise. By the time they are ready for the roof they will be full, and the roof will simply be put on for protection from the sun.

### Plenty of Ice Harvested.

It is estimated that the Knickerbocker ice company has put up 150,000 tons of ice in its Wolf lake icehouses.

According to the Chicago newspapers, the price of ice will take a big tumble next year. What effect this will have upon the Hammond Pure Ice company, which claims that it never paid dividends even when the prices were raised last year to those of the Knickerbocker lot, remains to be seen. If it is still able to compete with the promised reduction in prices which the Knickerbocker people will make next year, an idea of the profits that this concern has made will be had.

Bill Thompson, who has charge of the G. H. Hammond company's icehouse at Sheffield avenue and Wolf lake, says that he has had no difficulty in getting men to harvest ice this fall.

## BOMBERGER WORKING IN NEW IDEAS

It is understood that Attorney L. L. Bomberger has some very interesting ideas on the question of track elevation. If Bomberger had his way he would have only two sets of tracks running through the city of Hammond. He would have the Nickel Plate railroad change its route in the vicinity of the Standard Steel Car plant.

It would run north to the right of way of the Michigan Central railroad and through the city of Hammond on the Michigan Central's right of way. This would eliminate one of the railroads that are cutting the city into a crazy quilt.

He further plans to have the Erie railroad follow the route of the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville from a point where the right of way parallels to the point where the C. C. & L. crosses the monon, and then the Erie railroad would parallel the Monon through the built-up portion of the city.

## INJURY REPEATS SELF

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
St. John, Ind., Jan. 11.—Bad luck is persistently following Mrs. L. Schmal of this place. For a second time she is confined to the sick room owing to an injury to her foot.

Mrs. Schmal had not fully recovered from a fall she sustained two years ago when she fell through a trap door into the cellar. Her foot had never fully recovered, although she was able to use it to some extent. Recently she made another unfortunate step, causing an injury to the same foot. The foot is now quite seriously injured and requires the attention of a physician.

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## BOYVILLE LADS IN POOLROOMS

Times Secures Names of Boys Who Frequent Various Poolrooms in Hammond Quite Regularly

### ONE MAN ARRESTED.

Martin Tark of the firm of Avery & Tark, which conducts the Bijou poolroom, on State street, was placed under arrest this afternoon, a warrant having been issued by Chief Austgen, who charges Tark with having permitted minors in his place. Tark was released on his own recognizance to appear before Judge Barnett next Saturday morning.

There is said to be evidence that Tark not only permitted minors in his place, but permitted them to play pool and gamble on the results of the game, he himself acting as stakeholder.

## HAMMOND PEOPLE TO FLY SOUTHWARD

Hohmans, Motts and Jewels

### Will Sojourn for Time in Cuba.

Three Hammond families are planning a trip to Cuba in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hohman leave today for Daytona, Fla., afterward will go to Cuba. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mott will leave for Havana.

22nd of this month for Daytona, Fla., where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Hohman. The party of four will take the famous East Coast railroad to Key West, where they will take a steamer for Havana.

The East Coast railroad is built on a concrete roadbed over the Florida Keys, and the keys are connected with hundreds of concrete bridges, many of which are several miles long. The island to be one of the most wonderful engineering feats of recent times. It enables the passenger trains of the East Coast railroad to run directly into Key West, where it was only possible to go by boat to Havana. It is also understood that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jewell will go to Havana about the 20th of this month. This will make three Hammond families who expect to spend from four to six weeks in the Cuban capital.

F. S. Betz, the Hammond surgical instrument manufacturer, is also contemplating a trip to the tropical zone. Mr. Betz, however, expects to go through Mexico and will make an inspection of the Panama canal. His trip will also include a number of the southern states.

## NORTH SIDE CITIZENS HOLD VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

By assessing 14,000 lots on the north side \$5 apiece for sewer and an additional \$2 for a sewer pumping station, \$100,000 can be raised for a sewage system for the whole north side which, in the opinion of many, will solve the problem for all time to come.

Plans for this big project were promulgated last night at the meeting of the North Side Improvement association, the initiative having been taken by J. A. Aubry, the north side druggist, who has given much of his own time in arranging facts and preparing figures to show that the project would be feasible.

Other matters came before the association, among them the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the discussion of the problem of more homes for the north side.

The session was replete with interest to the north side property owner, and while there was a representative attendance it might have been even larger.

### The North Sider's Viewpoint.

While no concerted action was taken in the matter of the home problem, there was sufficient sentiment voiced to show that the association does not favor the Betz idea of home building in Hammond. In explanation it might be inserted that the Betz idea, as outlined by F. S. Betz before the Hammond Business Men's association recently, would give the deserving man who is desirous of locating in Hammond a lot and a two-room building on the rear of it at practically cost price, and on terms which should not make the payments hard. By putting this property in the hands of deserving

## CRUSADE EFFECTIVE

Gambling Games Have Been Permitted in Opera House Poolroom.

The Times has the names of a large number of minors who last night frequented various pool rooms in the city. They were present in spite of the fact that it is an open violation of the law for minors to frequent these places. Some of these boys were officials of Boyville who recently passed a bill making it a misdemeanor for any citizen of Boyville to frequent pool and billiard rooms.

The pool room in the old Hohman Opera House, which has been the hand-out for a large number of young toughs, loafers and dice players at the time of last night's time and place of the proprietor of this place and he was finally forced to clean up.

But while the class of young men who have been loitering in this place was much lower than in the other places, there were minors admitted to other poolrooms in the city.

### MINORS FREQUENT THEM ALL.

There were a number of young men under the age of 21 who visited other poolrooms.

It may be said that in neither of the last mentioned places is "crap shooting" allowed.

It is reported, however, that a young man was playing pool for money in the State street place, that the proprietor paid the winnings over to the wrong young man and that the youth, who thought he had been wronged, complained to the police, who told him that if he wanted to start anything he would have to swear out a warrant against the proprietor of the place. This report, however, cannot be confirmed.

### CRAP SHOOTING ALLOWED.

It is a well known fact, however, that there has been crap shooting going

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